

HOUSE RESOLUTION 39

By Richey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Bruce Brackin.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Bruce Brackin; and

WHEREAS, John Brackin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Blount County, Mr. Brackin was born on October 20, 1932, and was one of eleven children; after he finished high school, he proudly served as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and interests, Mr. Brackin served with acumen and alacrity for more than thirty years at the Ford Motor Company assembly plant in Hapeville, Georgia, before he retired and returned home to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brackin was a faithful member of Lenoir City First Baptist Church and the David Davis Sunday School class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brackin was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brackin will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of nearly sixty-three years, Eva Lee Russell Brackin; his cherished daughter, Vickie Denisha Brackin Jackson, and her husband, Cleo Eugene Jackson III; his granddaughter, Andrea Danile Jackson Whisman, her husband, Billy, and their sons, Will, Wally, and Wes; his grandson, John Caleb Jackson, his wife, Whitney, and their sons, Rhett and Callahan; his grandson, Micah Paul Jackson, his wife, Jordan, and their sons, Grey and Finn; his brother, Dennis Lynn Brackin; and a host of nieces, nephews, and in-laws; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, John McKinley Brackin and Freddie Estella Wilson Brackin; his siblings, Myrtle Pauline Brackin (Tipton), Bobby Ralph Brackin, Johnnie Elizabeth Brackin, Addie June Brackin (Oliver), Jimmy Ray Brackin, Carolyn Virginia Brackin (Nichols), Sammy Darrell Brackin, Terry Kenneth Brackin, and Gary Brackin; and a dear great-grandbaby; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brackin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of John Bruce Brackin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Brackin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.